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# Alumni Columns

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## DEDICATION SPEAKERS AT HOMECOMING



President-Emeritus V. L. Roy is

shown above as he delivered the dedicatory address at the Homecoming-Dedication Day exercises on April 22.

Other speakers on the program are pictured, left to right, seated on the stage. They are: Rev. Earl Clary, First Presbyterian Church of Natchitoches, who gave the invocation; Mr. F. Hugh Coughlin, President of Central Louisiana Electric Company, who spoke for the taxpayers; Acting President G. W. McGinty, who spoke for the College; Dean George Thomas Walker, who presided at the meeting; Lieutenant Governor William J. Dodd, who spoke for the Governor's office; Mr. Robert H. Curry, who spoke for the State Board of Education; Mr. J. W. Webb, who spoke for the Alumni Association; Mr. Gabriel J. Barkate, who spoke for the Student Body; and Mr. A. E. Robinson, who spoke for the State Superintendent of Education.

Pictured on the screen behind the speakers is an outline map of the campus with arrows pointed to three of the four buildings dedicated, and also an arrow pointing in the direction of the dairy, which is located on the lower end of Chaplin's Lake.

## Commencement June 1 and 2

Commencement activities for the spring-semester graduates will get under way on Thursday morning, June 1, at 11:00 o'clock, when the Right Reverend Girault M. Jones, Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana, will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the 135 seniors graduating. Music for the occasion will be furnished by the College Singers.

Following the traditional Senior Class program on the morning of June 2 at 11:00 o'clock, the Graduation Program will be held that evening at 8:00 o'clock in Fine Arts Auditorium.

Dr. T. V. Smith, Professor of Philosophy and Literature, Syracuse University, will address the graduating class. The title of his address will be "Surplusage of Value."

Dean John B. Robson will read the Honor Roll, and the degrees will be conferred on the graduates by Acting President G. W. McGinty.

A reception honoring the graduates and their friends will be given in Varnado Hall immediately following the exercises.

## Joe Webb Injured In Car Wreck

Mr. J. W. Webb, President of the Alumni Association, was injured in a car wreck a few days after Homecoming when he and Mr. C. W. Atkins, Principal, Haynesville High School, were on their way to Baton Rouge. The car driven by Mr. Atkins plowed into a heavy truck which was parked on a sharp curve. The bright lights of an approaching car prevented them from seeing the truck until too late to avoid hitting it.

We are glad to report that both Mr. Atkins and Mr. Webb have been released from the hospital, however, Mr. Webb is still wearing a cast on his left leg, his knee having been seriously injured. He also suffered lacerations on the chin and lost some of his lower teeth.

## Summer Session To Begin June 12

The regular nine-week summer session of the College will begin on June 12, 1950. Registration of students will be held on the first day of the session, with classes meeting on June 13.

## Homecoming Dedication Day Big Success

With graduates and former students, friends and visitors pouring in from all sections of the country, the joint homecoming and dedication of new buildings on the campus was a happy and successful affair. Even the weatherman, who seemed unable to make a decision as to what he would give us, changed his mood and smiled benignly after the early morning hours to add his portion to the gaiety and happiness of the day.

One of the prominent features of the day was the splendid program given in Fine Arts Auditorium. All those on the program made most interesting and representative addresses, which brought forth the views of a great cross-section of our state on the proper support and equipment of institutions of higher learning.

An activity that was most popular, as evidenced by the reactions of the large crowd present, was the delicious barbecue that was served in the football stadium. Then, to make the day complete, the Demons won a good baseball game from Louisiana College in the afternoon.

Hundreds came early and enjoyed the reception and coffee in Varnado Hall. Perhaps the most enjoyable part of the reception was the meeting of old friends and classmates. Reminiscences were the order of the day, and there is every evidence that no one had more opportunity to indulge in the nostalgic pastime than President-Emeritus V. L. Roy.

Behind all the planning and work that went into the successful day is the host of committees and their helpers that labored without stint to see that everything moved along according to schedule. Too great praise cannot be given the various committee chairmen and the members of their committees. Mr. Sylvan Nelken, as chairman of the dedication committee; Mr. N. B. Morrison and Mr. A. L. Ducournau, in charge of the barbecue; Miss Lela Tomlinson, in charge of general decorations; Mrs. Melba B. O'Quinn and Mrs. Ruby Duncelman, in charge of registration and coffee; and all other committee members merited the highest commendation.



## NORTHWESTERN STATE COLLEGE BAND



The Northwestern State College Band, under the direction of Mr. Dwight Davis (pictured upper right), has had a busy season during the past school year. The group has played for various athletic events, presented all types of programs, given both formal and informal concerts, and are pictured at the top playing for the barbecue at the stadium on Homecoming Day.

The band has a well-balanced repertoire, featuring both light and heavy selections. Selections include semi-classical, semi-swing, descriptive, and others that feature certain sections of the band.

## Special Offerings For The Summer School

### Music Clinic For High School Students

The annual Music Clinic for High School students will be held from June 18 to July 1, with the Music Faculty of the College in charge. Several visiting teachers of music and band directors of the State will be present also to assist with the clinic.

The cost of room and board for the high school students participating in the clinic will be \$20.00. A minimum of 100 students are expected to take part in this clinic, which has become an outstanding annual summer activity.

## National Red Cross Aquatic School June 4-14

Sponsored by the American Red Cross and the College, the Red Cross Aquatic School offers recreational swimming, diving, life-saving, first aid, water safety, accident prevention, camp waterfront leadership, boating, swimming pool leadership, canoeing, sailing, and swimming. The fee for room, board, books, supplies and tuition is \$40.00, payable by individual or sponsoring groups.

Application blanks for enrollment may be obtained from Mr.

Guy Nesom, Director, Health and Physical Education, Northwestern State College.

## Square Dance Camp June 5-10

Featuring the famous Jimmy Clossin, one of the old-line square-dance teachers who has kept up with modern trends in square dancing, the Square Dance Camp will be held on the campus through the week of June 5-10. Mr. Clossin will be ably assisted by Miss Jean Harper of NSC Health and Physical Education Department and others.

The course consists of 48 hours of instruction and participation. It is designed for all teachers, recreation leaders, extension and service workers, boy and girl scout leaders, 4-H Club leaders and all square dance enthusiasts.

Registration will begin at the Women's Gymnasium on June 4 at 3:00 P. M., and will continue through the morning of June 5. Total cost of the course including room, board and tuition is \$50.00 per person. For those properly qualified, the course offers one semester hour of credit.

For additional information and registration blanks, write Mr. Guy Nesom, Director, Health and Physical Education, Northwestern State College.

## Swimming, Diving High School Championship

Under the auspices of Northwest Louisiana Rally and NSC, High School Championship contests in swimming and diving for boys will be held in the Natatorium on Thursday, July 6. Preliminaries will be held at 2:00 P. M. and finals at 8:00 P. M.

The contest will stage 8 events as follows: 300-yard Medley Relay; 220-yard freestyle; 50-yard freestyle; diving (3 Meter); 100-yard freestyle; 100-yard backstroke; 100-yard breaststroke; and 400-yard freestyle relay.

## Special Course In Co-operative Education June 12-30

Hollis Dahlor, Director of Vocational Education in Kansas City Public Schools, will conduct a three-week course in Co-operative Education on the campus from June 12 through June 30.

The Special Industrial Education program includes general metals, machine shop practice, basic woodwork, industrial arts for elementary teachers, industrial crafts, and special studies in industrial arts. Special vocational-industrial courses include part-time co-operative education (the

co-ordinator and his problems), job and operational analysis, problems in vocational-industrial education, vocational guidance, methods of teaching shop courses, and shop organization and management.

## NSC Gymnastic Team Wins SAAU Championship

Coach John Piscopo's Gymnastic Team came through with 72½ points to win the Southern Amateur Athletic Union Championship in New Orleans early this month.

The Northwestern State win this year was the first time in over 15 years that a club outside the City of New Orleans has won the team championship.

Two NSC men, Al Kopp and Bert Babcock, took first and second places respectively in the individual championship honors, placing ahead of James Knoblauch of New Orleans Athletic Club, who placed third. Kopp scored 172 points, Babcock scored 157 points, and Knoblauch scored 153 points.

The NSC team captured first-place positions in free calisthenics, parallel bars, horizontal bars, and long horse, plus the all-round individual championship to bring home eleven medals and a trophy.

Final scores for the meet were: Northwestern State College, 72½; New Orleans Athletic Club, 55½; Baton Rouge YMCA, 35; and New Orleans YMCA, 10.

## Lee Reece Wins Title Of 'Mr. New Orleans'

Lee Reece, 24-year-old ex-Marine Sergeant, of Shreveport, edged out 11 other contestants to win the title of Mr. New Orleans of 1950 at Pontchartrain Beach on May 18.

Reece, a junior in Business Administration at the College, also won the trophy for the best developed arms.

The six-foot, 181 lbs. Mr. New Orleans has a chest expansion of 47 inches, a 30-inch waist, 17-inch biceps, 23½-inch thigh, and 15-inch calf.

A member of the Marine reserve unit, he has been platoon leader and gunnery sergeant at various times in summer camps. He will attend summer camp this year with Company C, 10th Infantry Battalion, at Little Creek, Virginia.

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## Demons Honored By Southwestern Given Sportsmanship Cup

The Northwestern State College Demons were the recipients of a cup awarded to the college whose athletic teams displayed the best sportsmanship during the year. This award was instituted by the Students' Council of Southwestern Louisiana Institute of Lafayette this year. It will be awarded annually to one of their opponents in athletics whose teams merit the title "Best Sportsmen."

Dave Fisher, President of the "S" Club of Southwestern, made the award at a general assembly in Fine Arts Auditorium on May 10. The award was accepted on behalf of the Demons by Aubrey Hanes, Treasurer of the "N" Club.

The Demons are particularly happy to receive this recognition, and the Student Council of Southwestern is to be commended for their fine gesture in promoting good sportsmanship in all athletics.

## Pat Harrington Senior SAAU Weightlifting Champion

Taking second place honors in the SAAU weightlifting meet in New Orleans on May 17, Northwestern State's Team produced the

165-pound weightlifting champion. Pat Harrington was distinctly the star of the meet. He pressed 215 pounds, snatched 210 pounds, and cleaned and jerked 285 pounds for a total of 710 pounds, topping the defending champion, Riecke, by 15 pounds. Pat's total was larger than that of any other weightlifter in the meet with the exception of the heavyweight champion.

Others placing for the Demons were Ralph Gremillion, runner up in the 123-pound class, with a total of 500 pounds, and Bert Babcock, who took fourth place in the 165-pound class with a total of 615 pounds.

This meet was the second for Pat Harrington. In 1948, his first competition, he won the junior 148-pound class championship. Last year found him too heavy for the 148-pound class and too light for the 165-pound class, so he did not enter.

## Memorial Day

In the spring of 1866 three ladies of Columbus, Mississippi, on the Tombigbee River—Miss Moreton, Mrs. Fontaine and Mrs. Hill—went to Friendship Cemetery to tend the graves of soldiers who had died in the Columbus Military Hospital in the early years of our Civil War. Their example led others to join them in a public memorial ceremony on April 25th.

A long procession made its way to the cemetery, everyone carrying a bouquet or chaplet of flowers. They halted by the graves and formed a square, and they heard a prayer and an address, and then they laid their flowers as badges of honor upon their dead.

Some fourteen hundred Confederate dead lay there, and somewhat apart from them were the graves of about forty Northern soldiers who had died in Columbus as prisoners of war. And now the women of Columbus, with a single impulse, seem to have said in their hearts: "In the fraternity of death there can be no division." And they laid flowers on the Yankee graves as well.

The news spread everywhere. In Ithaca, New York, a lawyer named Frances Miles Finch heard the story. He wrote a poem, and the next year the ATLANTIC MONTHLY printed it. The poem, THE BLUE AND THE GRAY, has been recited on scores of Memorial Days since then, in thousands of American towns and villages. Steadily and surely the generous example of the women of Columbus and Finch's eloquence prevailed over the bitterness of conflict.

## THE V. K. FLETCHERS



Rev. and Mrs. V. K. Fletcher of Eunice are pictured here with their 11-year-old son, V. K. (Kay), Jr. Mr. Fletcher is Superintendent of Acadia Baptist Academy. He received his A. B. degree at the College in 1931. Mrs. Fletcher, the former Neva Hamilton, completed the 2-year course in 1925.

After teaching 11 years at Georgetown and Selma, Mr. Fletcher entered the ministry and served as pastor at Florien Baptist Church 1943-1949. He accepted his present position in 1949.

## Reserve Officers' Training Corps Unit For NSC This Fall

According to an announcement from the office of President McGinty, a unit of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps will be established on the campus beginning with the fall semester, 1950.

Major James W. Bowman has been assigned as Professor of Military Science and Tactics, and he will arrive on the campus about June 25. A skeleton military staff will work with the officials of the College during the summer to set up the program and have everything in readiness for the activation of the unit in September.

Three officers and eight enlisted men will constitute the military staff for the newly established ROTC program.

During the first two years a cadet is in training, he will receive uniforms and military textbooks. The cadet will spend these first two years following the basic curriculum of the College, and will also study military principles. In addition to the three hours of military instruction per week that this period of training requires, the student will take regular college courses to prepare himself for the career he plans to follow.

The advanced course consists of two years of instruction in anti-aircraft artillery and six weeks of training in a summer camp at a regular army installation. Monthly payments are given cadets during this period.

Students completing the course satisfactorily will be commissioned as second lieutenants in the U. S. Army.

## Alumni Approve Proposed Amendment

At the regular meeting of the Alumni Association in the Little Theater, Fine Arts Building, on April 22, the alumni voted to approve the amendment to the Constitution as proposed in the March issue of the ALUMNI COLUMNS.

The adoption of this amendment to the Constitution changes the date of the annual homecoming from the spring meeting to the fall. Article VI of the Constitution, as amended, now reads: "The annual meeting of said corporation shall be held in Natchitoches at the time of the Annual FALL Homecoming . . ." This means that the election of officers for the Alumni Association will be held at the FALL homecoming.

## ANNE and ROBERT B.



Anne Hudson and Robert Bruce are the children of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Brinsmade of 3421 78th Street, Apt. 3F, Jackson Heights, New York. Anne is 5 years of age and "Robbie" is 11 months old. Mrs. Brinsmade is the former Juanita Phillips, B. S. '41. She and the children are expecting to go to Caracas, Venezuela, to join Mr. Brinsmade, who is employed there.



## LIBRARY TO BE RE-NAMED



## Committee Proposes Name For Library, Baseball Field and Drive

T. R. WATSON, JR.



Thurmond Ray, Jr., is the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Watson of Haynesville. Mrs. Watson is the former Mary Leda Schlernitzauer, B. S. '42.

A special committee appointed by Acting President McGinty has proposed that certain deceased members of the faculty and staff be honored by naming buildings or portions of the campus for them. While these recommendations may require approval of the State Board of Education, it is believed they will meet with the unqualified approval of the faculty and alumni.

It was proposed that the Library be named the SCHARLIE E. RUSSELL LIBRARY in honor of the woman who has contributed more than any other person to the growth and development of the library and whose entire service to this institution was in the capacity of librarian.

It was also proposed that the Baseball Field and Stands be named the C. C. STROUD FIELD with appropriate markers on the entrance or entrances to the grand stand when it is constructed. While enjoying all sports and working with them while a member of the faculty, Dr. C. C. Stroud's love for and interest in baseball was an outstanding characteristic that continued with him throughout his life.

It was further proposed that the drive commencing at Chaplin's Lake and going west to the entrance of the present Home Management house be named SAMUEL J. SIBLEY DRIVE.

## Cupid's Doings

MISS OCILE GOSLIN, B. S. '47, of Ruston, and Mr. Harold Townsend Robinson of St. Joseph, were married April 22 at the Highland Baptist Church in Shreveport. They will reside in Shreveport.

MISS ROSE MARIE McMULLAN, '45, of Bonham, Texas, and Mr. JULES MAYEUX, A. B. '49, of Campti, were married at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Corsicana, Texas, on April 6. The bride has been serving as assistant dietitian at the Dining Hall on the campus. They will reside in Baton Rouge, where Mr. Mayeux is doing graduate work at L. S. U.

MISS CHARLINE SHAW, B. S. '50, of Ringgold, and Mr. Rual Dupree of Coushatta, were married on March 23 at Grand Bayou Methodist Church, near Ringgold. The young couple are residing in Minden.

MISS GRACE WINN, ex '49, and Mr. JAMES HARRISON HICKS, student at the College, both of Natchitoches, were married on January 20.

MISS BILLIE JUNE DAUM, B. S. '49, and Mr. Ernest Eugene Higdon, both of Shreveport, were married at St. Catherine's Catholic Church on March 21. The young couple will make their home in Shreveport.

MISS LAVERNE McHALFFEY of Bossier City, and Mr. JOHN W. BENTLEY of Vivian, both former students at the College, were married on March 11 at Highland Baptist Church in Shreveport.

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Here 'N There

Mrs. R. G. Russell, Jr., (Agnes Smith, A. B. '43) has done a wonderful job of sending in names and addresses of alumni in and around Winnsboro, her home town. She used the unique idea of advertising in the local paper for alumni not receiving the ALUMNI COLUMNS to communicate with her. The response was most gratifying and might be used by other alumni units. One such response came from Mrs. J. T. Lovell (Juanita Smith, B. S. '42) of 195 Wide-water Road, Midway Island, Virginia. Mrs. Lovell has two children, John Thomas, six, and Martha Elizabeth, two years of age.

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Two alumni units held meetings during the past month with good reports coming from each meeting. The Calcasieu Alumni group held a dinner meeting at the Majestic Hotel with 99 present. Incidentally, this is the record attendance for such a meeting of any parish group.

The Claiborne Parish unit held a fish fry in the cafeteria of the Haynesville High School with about 40 members present.

## RODNEY and GERARD SMITH



Rodney and Gerard Wayne are the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Willard W. (Bill) Smith of Ringgold. Rodney is 4 years of age, and Gerard Wayne is 4 months old. Mrs. Smith is the former Louise McGarrahan, A. B. '43, of Many, and Mr. Smith attended Northwestern State from 1939 through 1941.









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